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25X1X 2. There were 7,000 workers in the mines, 2,000 of whom were Trudovaks. All the employees had to show their permits before beginning work, and they were carefully searched before leaving work. All the mines were guarded by policemen. One or more Soviets were placed in each tunnel as labor supervisors and engineers. There was a garage, 80 x 30 meters, in Bukhovo where the 30 vehicles used at the mines were placed every evening.

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